

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 869

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to commend Rebecca Jane Groves for fifty years of meritorious service as an employee of the State of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who, in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Jane Groves is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout her exemplary fifty-year tenure with the Tennessee Department of Health, Ms. Groves has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to this fine State; and

WHEREAS, she serves with acumen and alacrity as the Manager of Quality Assurance Services in the Office of Vital Records, a position she has held since September of 1993; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Groves ably supervises the vital records field program, ensuring the legal registration of all births, deaths, marriages, and divorces; she also develops instructional materials for birth and death certificates registration and provides training for county health department local and deputy registrars, funeral directors, physicians, and hospital birth registration staff; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards or accolades, Ms. Groves was listed in the 1976 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and Universities*, was a member of the 1978 Golden Key National Honor Society, and won the Tennessee Public Health Worker of the Year award in 1978; she also dedicates her time as a life-time member of the Tennessee Public Health Association; and

WHEREAS, the oldest daughter of Charlie and Ona Belle Groves, Rebecca Groves was born on May 20, 1940; and

WHEREAS, she earned an Associate of Science degree in Psychology and Sociology from the University of Tennessee and a Master of Education degree from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Groves is an active and devout member of the Portland Church of Christ, which she has served faithfully for many years, including standing for a remarkable thirty-five year period as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca Groves' remarkable success as a public servant is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Groves is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Rebecca Jane Groves for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as the Manager of Quality Assurance Services with the Tennessee Department of Health and celebrate her fifty years of meritorious employment with the State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.